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Applicant Name : Donald W. Bryan
Title : Spinal Fixation Apparatus And
Method
Docket No. : 261b

NOTICE OF NEWLY ASSIGNED APPLICATION NUMBER

The above-identified patent application was previously erroneously assigned Application Number 60/013,260 through an administrative error. The new application number assigned to the application is listed in the heading of this letter. Please correct your records and refer to the new application number in all future correspondence to the Patent and Trademark Office.

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